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SUBJECT: REFUGEES AND GALVAO DE MELO RALLY IN OPORTO

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1. SMALL TURNOUT: INTER ORGANIZATION OF REFUGEES (IOR)  
ORGANIZED A RALLY JUNE 5 IN OPORTO'S LARGEST STADIUM WITH  
ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO PUBLICIZE CONTINUED PLIGHT OF REFUGEES. ONLY  
500 ATTENDED ACCORDING TO AMCONSUL OBSERVER. UNLIKE EARLIER  
LISBON IOR RALLY (REF B) OPORTO AUDIENCE REACTED WITH LITTLE  
ENTHUSIASM TO IOR SEC GEN JOAO SEREJO WHO ARDENTLY CRITICIZED  
PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS AND DEFENDED SOUTH AFRICAN  
APARTHEID.

2. NO AUDIENCE, NO SPEECH: KEYNOTE SPEAKER GALVAO DE MELO  
WAS PRAISED AS THE ONLY ASSEMBLY DEPUTY WHO CARES ABOUT THE  
REFUGEES. MELO SAID HE HAD IMPORTANT COMMENTS TO MAKE ABOUT THE  
CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF SMALL TURNOUT  
(AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM ALSO FAILED), MELO LIMITED HIMSELF TO  
READING AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT EANES NOW BEING CIRCULARIZED  
TO GET 250,000 REFUGEE SIGNATURES. AUDIENCE WAS VISIBLY DISAPPOINTED.  
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LETTER DENOUNCED DECOLONIZATION AND DEMANDED THAT TRAITORS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR DECOLONIZATION BE THROWN OUT OF PORTUGAL.

3. POSSIBLE THINGS TO COME: SEREJO WARNED THAT REFUGEES WOULD  
NOT PERMIT REALIZATION OF "CRIMINAL" ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE  
SCHEDULED JUNE 18-22 IN LISBON. HE ANNOUNCED IOR INTENTION TO  
HOLD FURTHER RALLIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND CREATE REFUGEE

TRADE UNION. MELO PROMISED TO GIVE HIS REAL SPEECH AT NEXT  
REFUGEE RALLY IN BRAGA JUNE 12 IF THOUSANDS ATTEND INSTEAD OF  
HUNDREDS.

4. COMMENT: IOR IS NOT WELL KNOWN AMONG REFUGEES IN NORTHERN  
PORTUGAL. TO GET THEIR ATTENTION IOR WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING  
MORE THAN BRING OUT GALVAO DE MELO. PALTRY TURNOUT FOR MELO SURPRISED  
MANY OBSERVERS. MELO'S FIRST PUBLIC PRESENTATION IN OPORTO AS AN  
INDEPENDENT WAS FAR FROM SUCCESSFUL. HE MUST BE HAVING SECOND  
THOUGHTS ABOUT IOR AND ITS WEAK ORGANIZATION AND LACK OF  
APPEAL IN THE NORTH. FOR THE MOMENT HE WANTS TO REMAIN  
A POLITICAL INDEPENDENT. IN LOCAL PRESS INTERVIEW, MELO  
DENIED JOINING FELLOW RIGHT-WING GENERAL KAULZA DE ARRIAGA  
IN MIRN (REF C). MELO SAID HE ONLY EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH  
KAULZA IN A RECENT LONDON MEETING AND DID NOT REACH ANY ACCORD.  
HOWEVER, SEVERAL LOCAL CONSERVATIVE SOURCES SEE KAULZA AND  
MELO AS EVENTUAL POLITICAL COLLABORATORS.  
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